IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

LAURA A. BEDZYK ET. AL.

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MONITORING IN BACILLUS SPECIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: